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SUBJECT: THIRD WORLD ISSUES: TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS-

ECOSOC-SPONSORED MEETING, LIMA, 2-12 MARCH 76

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1. INDONESIAN OFFICIAL WHO TOOK PART IN ECOSOC-SPONSORED MEETING ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS (TNC) HAS DESCRIBED LIMA MEETING TO EMBOFF AS "POLITICALLY ORIENTED." HE SAID DEBATES WERE DOMINATED BY "POLITICAL" TOPICS LIKE ZIONISM, BRIBERY, AND SOUTH AFRICA. INDONESIANS, WHO HE SAID DID NOT TAKE PART IN LAST YEAR'S MEETING, WERE UNPREPARED FOR THIS. THEY HAD EXPECTED EFFORT TO DRAFT A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TNC'S WOULD INITIALLY TURN UPON STUDIES REFLECTING PRACTICAL APPROACH TO HOST COUNTRY RELATIONS WITH THE TRANSNATIONALS. INFORMANT ASSESSED REACTION OF OTHER

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ASEAN REPS AS SIMILAR TO INDONESIANS', AND SAID THAT AS

A RESULT THEY HAD MADE VERY LITTLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEBATE. HE SAID INDONESIAN DELEGATES HAD RECOMMENDED THAT IN FUTURE GOI REPRESENTATIVES TO THESE MEETINGS BE CHOSEN FROM AMONG THOSE EQUIPPED TO DEAL WITH THE POLITICAL CONTENT OF SUCH QUESTIONS.

2. COMMENT: ABOVE CLEARLY DOES NOT DEMONSTRATE GOI IS READY OPENLY TO RESIST POLITICAL INSPIRATION OF TNC DEBATE. BUT THERE IS SOME JUSTIFICATION FOR HOPING THAT THOUGHTFUL, CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH TO TNC QUESTIONS WOULD WIN CAUTIOUS INDONESIAN SUPPORT.
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